

44. The method according to Claim 43 wherein said nucleic acid comprises SEQ ID NO:5 or has at least about 70% similarity to SEQ ID NO:5 or hybridizes under low stringency conditions to a reverse complement of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:5. --

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification to insert cross-reference to a related application Serial Number 08/765,588, filed April 25, 1997. Claims 26-28 and 30 have been amended. Support for the amendment to Claim 26 may be found throughout the specification and particularly at Page 3, lines 4-10, for example. Claims 27, 28 and 30 have been amended to reflect proper dependency. Claims 43-44 have been added to further define the subject matter to which applicants are entitled. Support for Claims 43-44 may be found throughout the specification and particularly at originally filed Claims 35, 36 and 39 and Page 14, Table 1 of the specification. No new matter has been added.

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in this application prior to examination. Early and favorable consideration is requested.

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